

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND ORDER ISSUED TO:

Country Meadows, LLC
4746 East Skyline Dr. #39
Laramie, WY 82070

DOCKET NUMBER 5016-12

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*Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council*

NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. Country Meadows, LLC (Country Meadows) operates a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) in Albany County, Wyoming which is permitted to discharge through the Wyoming Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WYPDES), permit number WY0021954. The WWTF consists of a package treatment system with extended aeration followed by chlorination and has an average daily flow limit of 0.030 MGD. The treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed ephemeral drainage (class 3B), North Platte River Basin (class 2AB).
2. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/ Water Quality Division (DEQ) conducted a compliance inspection of the facility of June 14, 2012. Results of effluent water samples collected during the inspection showed exceedances of E.coli and total residual Chlorine.
3. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) submitted by Country Meadows have documented 30 exceedances of permit effluent limits dating from January 2010 to the present date. Parameters in violation include; E.coli, BOD percent removal, total residual Chlorine, and total suspended solids.
4. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/ Water Quality Division (DEQ) has issued multiple Letters of Violation (LOV) for these recurring effluent violations since January 2010 to present.
5. The actions taken by the owner in response to the past LOVs have not been successful in achieving consistent compliance.
6. This Notice is being sent to you pursuant to W.S. 35-11-701(c)(i), which requires that in any case of the failure to correct or remedy an alleged violation, the director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall cause a written notice to be issued and served upon the person alleged to be responsible.

ORDER

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL – STATE OF WYOMING

WHEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Within 30 days from the receipt of this Notice of Violation (NOV) Country Meadows shall submit a comprehensive plan of action to identify the causes and to correct the deficiencies of the WWTF. This plan must demonstrate the technical capacity to satisfy the parameters of the permit WY0021954. At a minimum, the plan should address:


- (A) The installation and maintenance of a de-chlorination system for the discharge and a timetable for implementation;
- (B) The identification of the causes of the permit exceedances;
- (C) Any necessary modifications to plant design or operations that are needed to bring the plant into consistent compliance with permit limits and a timetable for implementation;
- (D) All elements of the corrective action plan must be approved by DEQ.

NOTHING IN THIS NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV) shall be interpreted to in any way limit or contravene any other remedy available under the Environmental Quality Act, nor shall this NOV be interpreted as being a condition precedent to any other enforcement action.

Signed this 23rd day of July, 2012.



John V. Corra
Director
Department of Environmental Quality



John F. Wagner
Administrator
Water Quality Division

PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO: Kevin M. Wells, WYPDES Natural Resource Program Manager, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Herschler Building, 4th Floor West, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Telephone 307-777-8669.

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